Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—I second it.

Amendment put and carried.

The Cochin Prevention of Dedication Bill.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.— I propose to move three amendments presently in connection with the Bill to Prevent the Dedication of Women to Hindu Temples. The first amendment I propose to move is this:

"Delete the preamble and substitute for it the following: Preamble. 'Whereas it is expedient to prevent the dedication of women to Hindu temples, it is enacted as follows'."

The present preamble runs as follows:—

"Whereas the practice of dedicating women to Hindu temples results in such women leading a life of prostitutes, and whereas it is desirable and expedient to terminate the practice of such dedication, it is enacted as follows." I was thought that it was a wholesale statement and so it was thought that the preamble should be deleted and a less offensive preamble should be introduced. I propose that the existing preamble be deleted and the preamble which I shall presently read be substituted. I move that the following amendment be adopted: "Delete the preamble and substitute for it the following:

'Preamble: Whereas it is expedient to prevent the dedication of women to Hindu temples, it is hereby enacted as follows'."

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—I second it.

Amendment put and carried.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I move the amendment "Delete the word 'and' occurring after the word '*chela*' in sections 2 and 4 of the Bill and substitute for it the word 'or'." That again requires a little explanation. In section 2 Hon'ble Members will notice there are these words: "The performance of 'sanctioning *chela*' and 'wedding to dagger' or any other similar ceremony in the precincts of Hindu temples or other places of worship, or elsewhere, with a view to dedicate a Hindu woman is hereby declared illegal and shall be illegal". The amendment attempts to substitute the word 'or' for the word 'and' occurring between the words 'sanctioning chela' and 'wedding to dagger'. I move, Sir, that the amendment be adopted.

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Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—I second it.

Amendment put and carried.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I move the following amendment: "Delete the figure '193' occurring in section (1) (a) and substitute for it the figure '111'. This is only to introduce the Malabar era instead of the English year.

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—I second it.

Amendment put and carried.

The Cochin Municipal Regulation Amendment Bill (Markets).

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Sir, I rise to move that the Cochin Municipal Regulation Amendment Bill be read in Council.

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—I second it.

Motion put and carried.

Secretary to the Council.—The title of the Bill is "The Cochin Municipal Regulation Amendment Bill".

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Hon'ble Members are aware that Regulation I of 1110 has been repealed. The only definition of market that was available was the definition contained in that Regulation; and as Hon'ble Members know there was very grave opposition from the non-official side of the House against that definition. Accordingly it was repealed. But a definition of the term 'market' is highly necessary for working the Municipal Regulation and hence a definition which I hope will be found acceptable by all the Hon'ble Members has been devised. It reads thus: " 'Market' means a place where persons assemble for selling and for buying meat, fish, fruit, grain, vegetables or any other articles of food, or commerce or any vendible article or for the sale or purchase of live-stock or poultry, and which every member of the public has, of common right, the liberty to enter and frequent for the purpose of bringing thither and there exposing for sale and selling or of buying such commodities as are vendible there." I believe all the objections raised against the definition that was in the Regulation repealed have been met in this definition. If Hon'ble Members have any suggestions to make, they are quite welcome. In the meantime I believe that this definition is quite

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